



# REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested for claims 17-37 in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

It is noted with appreciation that claim 18 is deemed to be allowable.

Responsive to the drawing objections by way of the foregoing amendment, a Request for Approval of Drawing Correction is submitted. In the drawing correction, Figure 7 has been added. No new matter has been entered. The support for Figure 7 is found *inter alia* from claims 21-23, Figure 3, and paragraphs 26 and 27. Accordingly, withdrawing of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 17, 19-22, 24, 26 and 29-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyles in view of Hecht. Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Boyles, Hecht and Butler. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Boyles does not disclose or suggest, among other features, at least two pistons per brake shoe. As best seen in Figures 6 and 7, Boyles shows one piston per brake shoe. In the Office Action the Examiner has alleged that the brake shoes 46 and 46' have two pistons apiece. However, the pistons 44 and 45 only show acting upon both brake shoes 46 and 46'.

The deficiencies of Boyles are not rectified by Hecht. Hecht does not disclose or suggest, among other features, at least two pistons per brake shoe. Hecht merely shows a method for reinforcing a matrix material with carbon fiber. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over

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the cited references, as noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Since claim 23 depends from claim 17, claim 23 is also patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/50111).

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